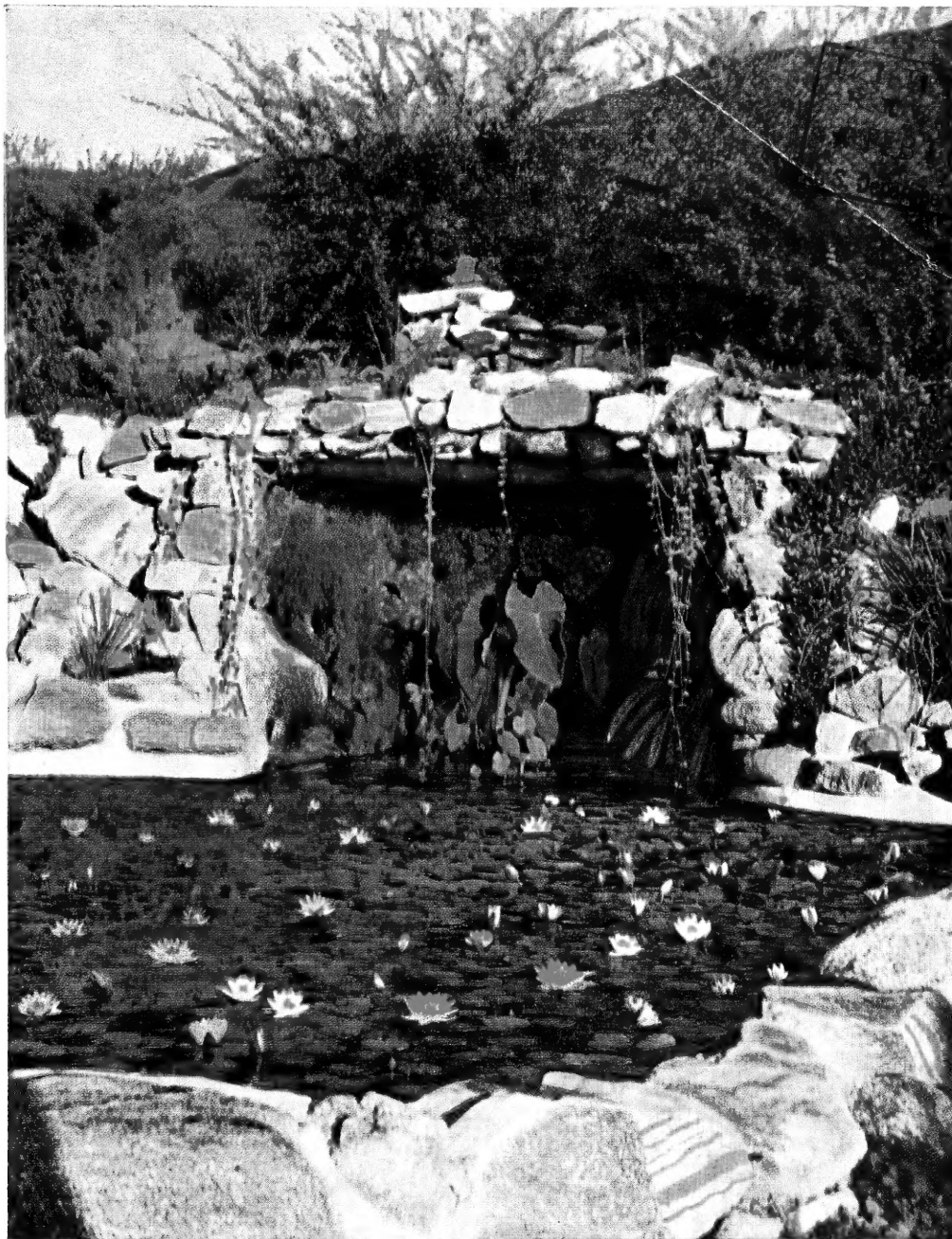


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Upland, California

Established in 1932. Finest and most beautiful Water Gardens  
on the West Coast.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

CLOSED SUNDAYS

## To The Amateur Pool Enthusiast:

Our new catalog is dedicated to the amateur pool enthusiast. Our many past customers have impressed upon us the need for a catalog so self-explanatory that anyone can buy intelligently, plant properly, and give the pool adequate care by noting the extra hints under almost every item listed in our book.

In this modern day of outdoor living a beautiful LILY POOL becomes the focal point of your picture window, patio, or barbecue. Why go to the water when you can relax in the comfort of your patio and enjoy the water of your lovely lily pool with beautiful fish and exotic water lilies.

We want our customers to know that the VAN NESS WATER GARDENS were established in 1932. Early in 1952 we purchased the GARDENS. Since then we have served the retail trade in the eleven western states and a limited retail trade throughout the United States, Mexico, and Hawaii. In addition, we have wholesaled all over the United States. This is our first year for National advertising and serving the retail trade in the United States as well as foreign countries.

We take this opportunity to thank our many, many customers who have written such lovely letters to us. We feel you are really personal friends of ours. May we continue to serve you. Listed below are just a very few of your letters.

To the new customer—One order, large or small, and we are sure you too will join our happy circle of friends.

Sincerely,

*Ted and Louella Uher*

P.S. Please visit our beautiful gardens when you can. We are CLOSED FOR BUSINESS ON SUNDAYS but you are welcome to visit and enjoy our GARDENS then.

EASTERN SCIENCE SUPPLY COMPANY  
Boston, Massachusetts

November 9

Van Ness Water Gardens  
Upland, California

Gentlemen:

You may recall that last Spring I placed an order with you for some plants for my lily pool.

In the twelve years that I have been buying tropical lilies and other plants for the pool, I have never received better plants nor ones more expertly packed than those you sent me.

Everything arrived as fresh as if it had just been taken from the water of your ponds.

All the plants thrived, and the red lotus gave us two beautiful blossoms about 11" in diameter, while the leaves were from 12 to 26 inches across. A third lotus blossom just missed opening as it was hit by cold weather.

The gift lily proved an excellent bloomer and did its share to make the pool more beautiful. Thank you for your courtesy.

My order for Spring 1954 will reach you in due course.

Again thanking you for your excellent service, I am,

Yours very truly

H. W. GEROMANOS

STAR-KIST FOODS, INC.  
Terminal Island, California

September 22

Mr. Theo. R. Uher  
Van Ness Water Gardens  
2460 N. Euclid Crescent, W.  
Upland, California

Dear Mr. Uher:

Reference is made to your letter of yesterday, regarding two Taros that I ordered from you on 15th of September. I am very grateful for your advice and the consideration shown to your customers is highly commendable. I must also say that I'm very pleased with the two Queen of the Night ephyphyllum and the Empress ephyphyllum sent as a gift.

Very truly yours,

JOS. J. ZANINOVICH

JJZ:bz

NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

April 8

Van Ness Water Gardens,  
2460 North Euclid Crescent West,  
Upland, California  
Attention: Mrs. R. E. Van Ness  
Dear Mrs. Van Ness:

Enclosed you will find a purchase order to replace some of our water lilies in one of our pools. In the past you have made such a fine selection for us, and we would like to have you again make a selection of what you consider will make a beautiful assortment for the pool here at the Fair Grounds.

Very sincerely yours,  
NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR  
LEON H. HARMS  
Secretary-Manager

LHH:hj

June 1

Van Ness Water Gardens  
San Antonio Heights  
North Euclid Avenue  
Upland, California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Uher:

Thank you so much for the care and thoughtfulness in putting up our recent order, we were thrilled. Our pool should be beautiful. MRS. FRANCIS J. LANG  
Bellingham, Washington

July 14

Dear Friends:

The lilies arrived in good condition as did the gifts for which we want to thank you. You will be interested to know that everything is growing, looks as though they might have been in our pools for some time.

Sincerely,  
MILDRED MULBERRY

August 8

Dear Sirs:

The lilies are doing fine. I have almost ten or twelve blooms at all times.

Sincerely,  
GLENN A. ROSS  
Stockton, California

April 7

Dear Sir:

Received the water lilies in fine shape. Have had one lily in the Virginalis already. Thanking you, I am,

MRS. ELMER L. MEES  
Napa, California

June 15

To All of You:

I have a very warm spot in my heart for you people, plants were just wonderful, and in A-1 condition and did the fish enjoy them. I have some gold fish 11 inches long and they would get under a Hyacinth plant and take it right around the pond. The Independence water lily will have a full bloom in just a few days. I have never before bought lilies as nice as these, and many, many thanks also for the gift plants.

Sincerely,

MRS. J. M. YOUNG  
Oakland, California

August 19

Van Ness Water Gardens

Gentlemen:

I wish to thank you very sincerely for your letter of August 13. It has helped me more than the several books I studied from the public library. I appreciate your taking the time to help me.

Also at this time I will thank you for the gift lily you added to my June 13 order. It has bloomed often.

We enjoy our little pool very much. It is a little beauty spot.

Yours truly,

GLENN A. ROSE  
Stockton, California

October 4

Dear Mrs. Uher:

Our pool is a daily source of pleasure and relaxation. We hurry to feed the fish and enjoy the lilies as soon as we get home from work. Comanche and chromatella have bloomed steadily all summer, and are still at it.

Sincerely,

MR. and MRS. FRANK LUEVANO  
Sacramento, California

July 6

Van Ness Water Gardens

Dear Mrs. Uher:

The water lilies are wonderful. I never dreamed that they would grow so rapidly.

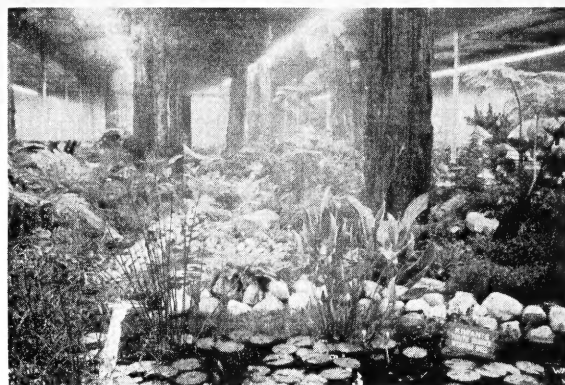
Sincerely,

ELLIOT WEIER  
Davis, California

PLEASE NOTE OUR VACATION DATES: AUGUST 1 THROUGH AUGUST 15

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*Our display pool at the Los Angeles County Fair in the new Floral Building, which took a blue ribbon.*

## CODE

We have prepared this code for your convenience in SELECTION, PLANTING, and CARE of practically all items listed in our catalog.

**L**—Large

**M**—Medium

**S**—Small

**EB**—Excellent Bloomer

**GB**—Good Bloomer

**FB**—Fair Bloomer

**A**—Plant in 8" to 12" soil and 8" to 12" water

**B**—Plant in 6" to 9" soil and 6" to 9" water

**C**—Plant in 4" to 6" soil and 4" to 6" water

**D**—Plant in 2" to 4" soil and 2" to 4" water

**H**—Plant in 6" of soil and 2" to 4" water

**I**—Plant in 6" of soil and 6" of water

**J**—Plant in pots on bottom of pool, completely under water

**K**—Plant in wet soil outside of pool or have soil surface of box level with the water surface of pool. These plants do well in pool or out of pool but must have lots of moisture.

**O**—Floating plants, no planting needed

**T**—Tender, will burn in hot desert areas

# HARDY WATER LILIES

(Check page three for our code to help you select your Lilies)

Have you ever noticed that, no difference what the beauty of the garden may be, in harmony of planting, in beauty of landscaping, the visitor drifts to the Water Lily Pool and there finds a sanctuary, a place where one can forget the trials of everyday life and find the charm and solace that only exquisite beauty can bestow.

## SO EASY TO GROW

Hardy lilies will grow anywhere, if they have sun. They do well in areas where it is foggy, such as San Francisco, if the pool is in full sun and no shade.

You may have a real beauty spot by making a Tub garden. The one illustrated on page 13 has a group of 5 half barrels.

## HARDY LILIES

### PERFECT SPECIMENS

The Hardy lilies are among the easiest grown of any flower. After planting they need no attention except to keep the water level right and break off dead leaves. They grow in a wonderful array of colors and shapes and are a constant joy to all who grow them.

California Water lilies have the advantage of our long, warm summers and put on a marvelous growth during this period, assuring you of strong plants, which will burst into bloom soon after being planted in your pool. The many letters from our customers telling us of this fact make us very happy, and we assure you nothing goes out from our Nursery that we would not be happy to receive.

We have the choicest of the varieties which we are offering at very attractive prices.

All Hardy lilies are at least 2 years old when shipped, assuring bloom the first year.

## RED

**Escarboucle (L EB A)** One of the most brilliant red lilies. Bright intense red, deepening into crimson. One of the best. **\$2.75.**

**Gloriosa (M EB B)** All that its name implies. The flowers are above the average size. One of the earliest to bloom and continues all summer. One of the choicest of them all. **\$2.50.**

**Marliac Red (E EB B)** Flowers of a deep carmine red, with cardinal stamens. The leaves are a rich bronze, changing to dark green with age. **\$2.50.**

**James Bryden (M GB B)** The color is a rich rosy crimson, while the reverse of the petals has a silvery sheen. This variety will adapt itself to any sized pool. **\$2.75.**

**Attraction (L EB A)** This lily is truly an attraction to any pool. The petals are a garnet red, the sepals white and the stamens a rich mahogany. Cannot be fully described **\$3.00.**

**Newton (L EB A)** Very large, star-shaped flowers, almost vermilion. Different from most of the red lilies. **\$5.00.**

**William Falconer (M GB A T)** The darkest red of all water lilies, being a velvety black-red. Leaves green, maroon spotted. Not satisfactory in hot climate. **\$3.50.**



*The Immense Escarboucle Hardy Lily*

**Sirius (L EB A T)** The leaves of this variety are red, spotted with reddish brown. The flowers are huge and dark red. **\$5.00.**

**Vesuve (M GB B)** A dark red lily blooming very profusely. The blossoms are a good size and very double. **\$4.00.**

**Picciola (L EB A T)** A dark crimson variety, standing above the water and in several ways distinctly different from other red lilies. The leaves are spotted with red. **\$3.00.**

**Conqueror (L GB A T)** One of the most beautiful lilies. The immense flowers are a deep crimson, shaded toward the ends of petals to a deep pink. Stamens are long and bright yellow, making a striking contrast. **\$2.50.**

**James Hudson (L EB A)** An exceptionally good, new variety. The tulip shaped blooms have sharp petals of rich red with mauve reflections. A rare European variety. **\$3.00.**

**Sultan (L EB A)** A large, cherry-red lily; the outer petals being a light rose. One of the best blooming lilies and one of the most admired. **\$3.50.**

**Arethusia (M GB A T)** Deep, dark red blossoms; almost as dark as the William Falconer. **\$4.00.**

## PINK VARIETIES

**Rene Gerard (L EB A)** The flowers of this variety often reach the enormous size of 10 inches across and are a deep rose in color. The petals are very numerous and the flower is star shaped. **\$5.00.**

**Splendida (L EB A)** A rich, strawberry pink lily; blooming the entire season. Becomes darker towards fall, becoming almost a deep red. **\$2.75.**

**Formosa (L EB A)** One of the best, blooming soon after planting and never without blossoms during the whole season. Blossoms are large and a clear, bright pink. A much admired lily. **\$2.75.**

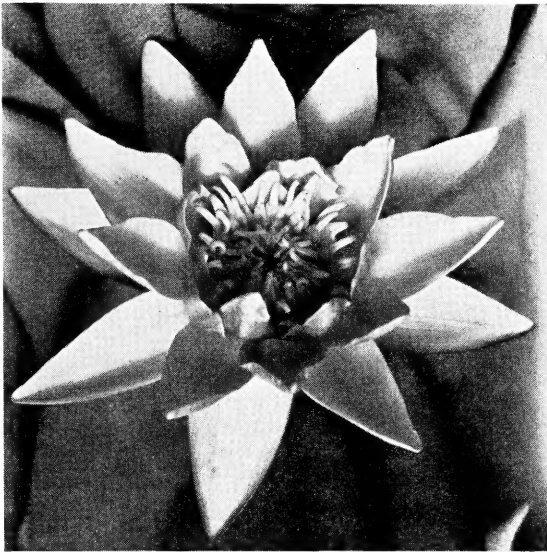
**Wilfron Gonnere (M GB A)** Very double pink lily, resembling Gonnere in size and shape. **\$3.00.**

**Mme. Julian Chiffrot (L EB A T)** A mammoth star-shaped lily, with soft pink petals and yellow stamens. One of the most beautiful of the pink hardys. **\$3.00.**



## HARDY WATER LILIES continued

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*Amabilis*

**Amabilis (L EB A T)** This lily is very similar to the Mme. Chifflet, being star-shaped, but is a larger lily. The bright pink blossoms are hard to describe for beauty. **\$2.50.**

**Marliac Carnea (L EB A)** Opening early in the morning, this lily is of wonderful size, is a soft shell pink. Blooms over a long period, the flowers of good lasting quality, making them good for cut flowers. **\$1.75.**

**Massaneillo (L EB A)** The flowers of this variety are very fragrant. The plant a free grower. The flowers are a rose pink and the sepals are white, making a wonderful contrast. **\$2.00.**

**Morning Glory (L EB A)** An exquisite soft, shell-pink lily. Particularly beautiful as they first open in the morning, being so waxy in appearance. **\$3.00.**

**Esmeralda (M GB B)** A French variety. The flowers are variegated, rose pink and white. The petals are star-shaped, and the sepals are also variegated. **\$2.50.**

**Pink Glory (L EB A)** A beautiful, new pink lily. Very waxy in appearance and proclaimed the most beautiful of all the shell pink Hardy lilies. **\$4.00.**

**Mary Patricia (S EB B)** The daintiest, deep peach blossom pink lily imaginable, one that is especially generous in bloom. Is especially good for Tub gardens. **\$2.00.**

**Rosy Morn (L EB A)** A beautiful rosette pink lily with a true Water lily fragrance. Very large blossoms with spreading petals. **\$3.00.**

**Mrs. Richmond (L EB A)** A rare variety of singular beauty. Very large flowers of deep rose with lilac tints; petals broad and full; stamens a delicate canary yellow. A rare variety. **\$5.00.**

**Neptune (L EB A)** The velvety blossoms are a shaded pink, the base of petals quite dark and the tips much lighter in shade. Garnet stamens make a striking contrast. **\$2.50.**

### PINK (Odorata—very fragrant)

**Rose Arey (M EB B)** The blossoms are a bright, cerise pink, having pointed petals with a noticeable curl, giving a pleasing shaded effect. A sweet scented lily; leaves have a reddish cast. **\$2.00.**

**Pink Opal (S GB B)** A deep, rich pink lily with buds that are almost round, and open into a flower that is cup shaped. **\$1.50.**

**Venusta (M EB B)** The flowers are of a good size with a charming cup shape, standing above the water. The most spicy fragrance of any of the odoratas. **\$2.00.**

**Eugene de Land (M GB B)** A charming, sweet scented variety, with soft shell pink petals which are pointed. **\$2.00.**

**Gloire du Temple-Sur-Lot (M GB B)** A remarkable and very double lily resembling an immense dahlia in form. Opens a soft shell pink. Frequently has over a hundred long, narrow, curled petals. **\$3.00.**

**Odalesque (M GB B)** An intensely fragrant, deep cerise pink, which opens earlier than almost any other lily. **\$3.00.**

**Fire Crest (S GB B)** A flame colored Odorata lily, blooming very early in the Spring. **\$1.75.**

### YELLOW

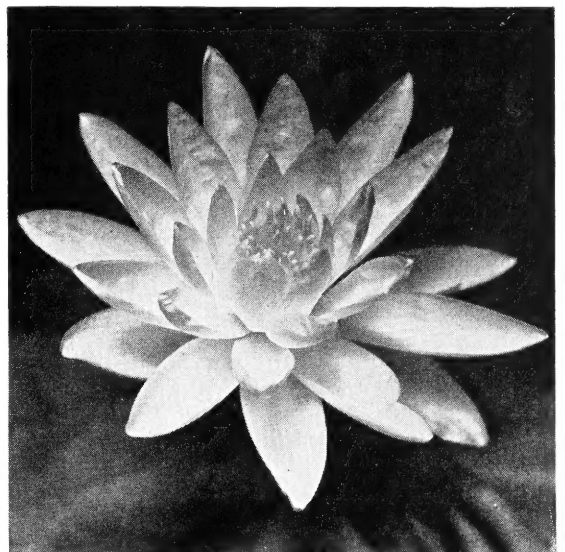
**Chromatella (M EB A)** (Marliac yellow.) Bright yellow blossoms with broad curving petals. A good bloomer. The leaves are handsomely blotched and the plant a vigorous grower. **\$2.00.**

**Moorei (M EB A)** A new lily from Australia, deeper in color than Marliac. A choice plant with large blossoms and showy leaves. **\$3.00.**

**Pygmaea Helvola (S EB C)** This lily has small yellow flowers that float on the surface of the water, are about 2 inches in diameter. Leaves beautifully mottled. A free bloomer and well adapted to Tub garden culture. **\$1.25.**

**Mexicana (S FB C)** A little beauty from Mexico. **\$1.00.**

**Sunrise (L EB A T)** This magnificent lily with its canary yellow blossoms stands well above the water on graceful stems; the petals are crinkled like a chrysanthemum. **\$2.75.**

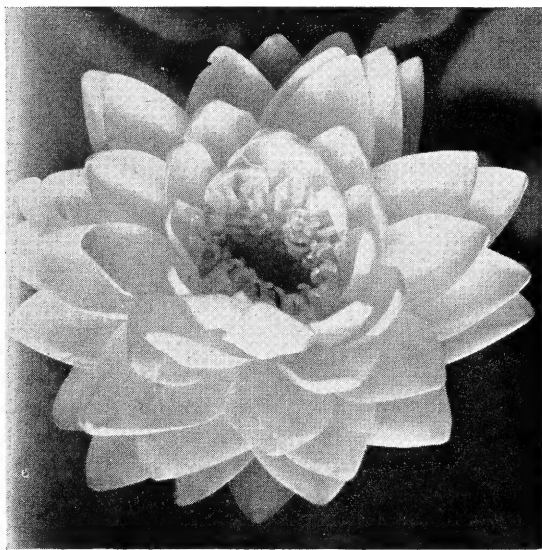


*Sunrise*

## HARDY WATER LILIES continued

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### WHITE



*Gonnere*

**Gonnere (M EB B)** The finest of all white lilies. An enormous globe of snowy whiteness, nestling among green pads. A free blooming variety with small leaf spread. **\$2.50.**

**Marliac Albida (L EB A)** Large dazzling white blossoms, with yellow stamens. The sepals are pink. **\$1.50.**

**Gladstone (L EB A)** A fine lily of robust growth. The flowers are of purest white, cup shaped and very large. **\$2.00.**

**Hermine (S EB B)** A dainty little white lily. The blossoms snuggle among the pads and are star-shaped. **\$2.00.**

**White Laydeker (S EB C)** A very pretty dwarf lily. Snow white with yellow center. Has a strong tea fragrance. **\$1.75.**

**Virginalis (L EB A)** The purest white of all water lilies. A splendid bloomer over a long season. Will never be common as it multiplies very slowly. One of the best. **\$5.00.**

**Albotross (L EB A)** A snow-white lily with many petals. **\$3.00.**

#### 12 CHOICE HARDY LILIES, \$25.00—COLLECTION #12

Gonnere—white, \$2.50; Marliac Albida—white, \$1.50; Chromatella—yellow, \$2.00; Sunrise—yellow, \$2.75; Comanche—sunset, \$2.50; Paul Hariot—sunset, \$2.50; Rose Arey—pink, \$2.00; Masseneillo—pink, \$2.00; Formosa—pink, \$2.75; Gloriosa—red, \$2.50; Escarboucle—red, \$2.75; Pink Glory—pink, \$4.00.

Value, \$29.75—for **\$25.00**

### SUNSET VARIETIES

**Comanche (L EB A)** An old favorite. Brilliant orange-red, the color deepens with age; becoming a warm red. A sturdy growing variety but will adapt itself to a small space. Has bloomed steadily for 10 months in our gardens. **\$2.50.**

**Paul Hariot (M EB B)** This lily is most pleasing, as the first day of opening the petals are a soft, yellowish pink, becoming darker each day to almost a deep red. **\$2.50.**

**Indiana (S GB C)** A free growing variety, bearing beautiful copper-yellow flowers tinged with pink. A remarkable plant producing a constant succession of color changes in its freely produced flowers. **\$2.50.**

**Chrysantha (S GB C)** A fine variety for the Tub garden as the leaf spread is small. The flowers open a soft yellow which deepens with age to almost a vermillion. **\$2.00.**

**Aurora (S GB C)** A very changeable colored lily. If you only have room for one lily you will be pleased with this one, as you may have as many as 5 shades at one time. Does not grow large, so is suitable for small pools. **\$1.50.**

**Solfatere (M GB B)** Opens the first day an orange-yellow. During third and fourth days the blossoms become reddish-copper. **\$2.00.**

**Seignoureti (L EB A)** A gorgeous colored lily, but propagates so slowly it will not become common. One of the finest, freest blooming lilies grown, with bright orange-yellow flowers. **\$5.00.**

**Robinsonoi (L EB A)** This is an old favorite with water gardeners. Flowers are a bright, coppery-red with orange stamens. It is a constant bloomer with beautiful variegated foliage. **\$3.00.**

**Sioux (M EB B)** Rich chrome-yellow upon opening, inner petals tinged with bronze. Changes to deep orange tinged with copper-red. Unique colored lily. **\$5.00.**

### HARDY LILY COLLECTIONS

#### SUPERB COLLECTION #9

Sunrise—yellow, \$2.75; Gonnere—white, \$2.50; Gloriosa—red, \$2.50.

Value, \$7.75—for **\$6.50**

#### BUDGET COLLECTION #10

Aurora—sunset, \$1.50; Chromatella—yellow, \$2.00; Hermine—white, \$2.00; Rose Arey—pink, \$2.00.

Value, \$7.50—for **\$6.50**

#### RAINBOW COLLECTION #11

Moorei—yellow, \$3.00; Escarboucle—red, \$2.75; Masseneillo—pink, \$2.00; Comanche—sunset, \$2.50; Picciola, \$3.00.

Value, \$13.25—for **\$12.00**

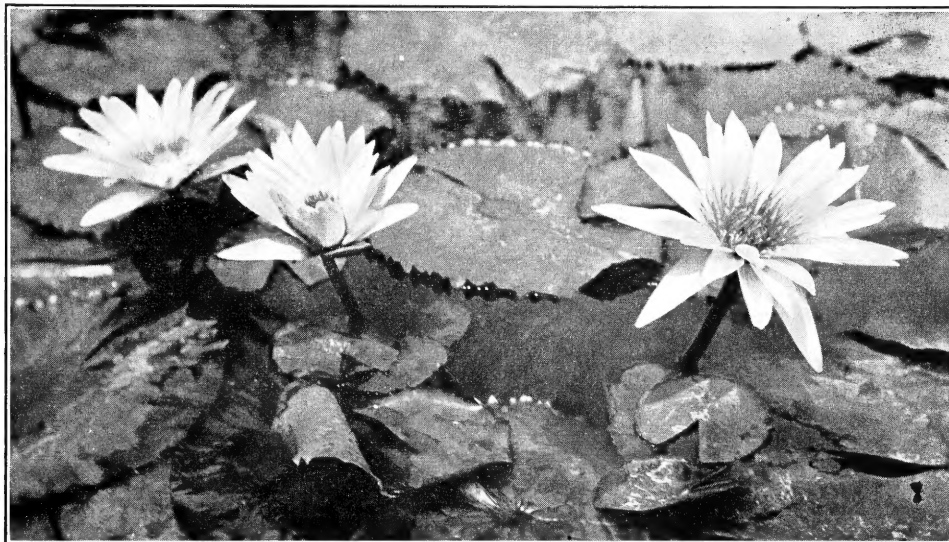
#### ATTRACTIVE DUET COLLECTION #19

Attraction, \$3.00; Chromatella, \$2.00.

Value, \$5.00—for **\$4.00**

# TROPICAL LILIES (EXQUISITE FRAGRANCE)

(Check page three for our code to help you select your Lilies)



*The Mrs. Edwards Whitaker Tropic Lily. These lilies measure 11½ inches across; the plant being in bloom all summer.*

If you are a real Water Garden enthusiast you will surely want some of these marvelous plants. Flowers the size of dinner plates, with a perfume so spicy as to permeate the whole garden. Only in the Tropicals can you obtain the exquisite blue and purple shades; and with the wonderful varieties offered, one can find just the lily to fit his needs. Many of the varieties will adapt themselves either to large or small pools.

Tropicals bloom until frost comes. In mild climates like ours they bloom through November and some in December and January. Last December we had the Panama Pacific, Penna., August Koch, Gen. Pershing, Mrs. Whitaker, Whitaker Gigantea, Mrs. Pring and the Star Lilies all blooming.

**We do not ship Tropicals until the weather has become permanently warm,** as early shipments are almost sure to go dormant. A safe date is after June first, except in the Southern states, where they may be shipped at an earlier date, May 15th. Should we be instructed to ship at an earlier date, we do so at customer's risk.

## PURPLE

**Panama Pacific (L EB B)** These are of the viviparous variety, growing young plants at the base of the leaf. They are somewhat hardier than other Tropicals. Flowers a rich purple, the yellow stamens making a striking contrast. **\$2.50.**

**Royale Purple (S EB B)** This handsome lily is identical in growth and habit to that excellent variety, Panama Pacific, except that the color is a glowing royal purple. This viviparous novelty will add a note of regal splendor to your pool. **\$3.00.**

**Francis B. Griffith (M EB B)** The darkest purple of all water lilies; is a leaf propagator. One of the most admired lilies for its rich coloring. **\$2.50.**

**Zanzabar Purple (M EB B)** Rich blue-purple flowers. Stamens very numerous, dark crimson. Very fragrant. **\$2.00.**

## BLUE

**Mrs. Edwards Whitaker (L EB B)** This lily is the largest in the day blooming class, having been known to measure 14 inches across. The flowers are a lavender-blue. This lily stays open almost all day. **\$2.50.**

**Whitaker Gigantea (L EB B)** The largest of all tropic lilies. A very delicate shade of blue; stays open almost all day. **\$2.75.**

**Pennsylvania (L EB B)** (Blue beauty). A magnificent variety with rich blue flowers that are often 10 and 12 inches across. The buds are speckled with maroon, the stamens are tipped with blue. The flowers have a spicy perfume such as no other tropic has. The plant is a free and vigorous bloomer. **\$3.00.**

**Blue Triumph (L EB B)** This is indeed a triumph as the name implies. Medium blue flowers of immense size blooming until frost comes. **\$3.00.**

**August Koch (L EB B)** The fragrant blossoms are of good size and deep in color, the sepals a rich, deep orchid-blue shade. **\$2.50.**

**Col. Lindbergh (M EB B)** This is enormous with wide petals of deep blue. As the name implies, the flowers tower in the air, high above the water. The leaves are large and oval, marked with brown. **\$2.50.**

**Wm. Stone (L EB B)** This is a particularly attractive violet-blue lily. Blossoms star-shaped, yellow stamens tipped with blue. **\$2.00.**

**Blue Pygmae (S GB B)** Of the Tropical variety. Just right for Tub, or small pool. Deep blue and very fragrant. **\$2.00.**

## PINK

**General Pershing (L EB B)** This lily is undoubtedly the finest of the orchid-pink day-blooming Tropics. The flowers are 8 inches across and are very double. They open very early in the morning and stay open until late in the evening. Very fragrant. **\$2.75.**

**Chicago (M EB B)** A clear pink lily, with quantities of large blossoms; having as many as 8 blossoms at one time. The leaves are profusely spotted with mahogany, making a very attractive plant. **\$2.50.**

**Golden West (L EB B)** The beautiful peach-pink flowers change in color to a lovely light apricot as the flowers mature. The green leaves are heavily speckled with maroon. An excellent grower and bloomer—very fragrant. **\$2.50.**

**Independence (M EB B)** Very large rose-pink flowers. Plant begins to bloom when very small, and blooms continuously until frost comes. Will do well in tubs or large pool. **\$2.25.**

## TROPICAL LILIES continued

### YELLOW

**St. Louis (L EB B)** A yellow hybrid producing flowers from 10 to 12 inches across. The St. Louis is the only tropical lily which has been patented. A famous Pring hybrid. \$3.00.

**Sunbeam (M EB B)** Viviparous tropical water lily. One of the deepest yellow tropical water lilies; very free flowering. \$3.00.

**African Gold (M EB B)** A very attractive clear yellow tropical lily—an outstanding yellow. \$6.50.

### WHITE

**Mrs. Geo. Pring (L EB B)** Immense white flowers, opening early and staying open until late in the afternoon. Bloom until frost comes. When given room, makes a wonderful growth, but adapts itself to a small space and blooms continually. \$2.50.

### VICTORIA (White)

**(L EB B)** Aquatic Marvel. An interesting aquatic plant characterized by enormous leaves, often 6 feet across, with the edges turned stiffly to the height of 3 to 8 inches. Victorias thrive under the same conditions as the tender lilies but for full development require plenty of space. \$10.00.

**Blue Star (M EB B)** A clear blue, with blossoms standing high above the water. Rich green leaves. \$2.00.

**Pink Star (M EB B)** (Stella Gurney.) A soft pink blossom. \$2.50.

**Rose Star (M EB B)** A deeper shade of pink but of same shape. \$2.25.

## STAR LILIES

SEE STAR COLLECTION ON BACK COVER



Star Lilies

**Red Star (M EB B)** (Mrs. Ward.) The deepest red of the Tropical varieties. \$2.50.

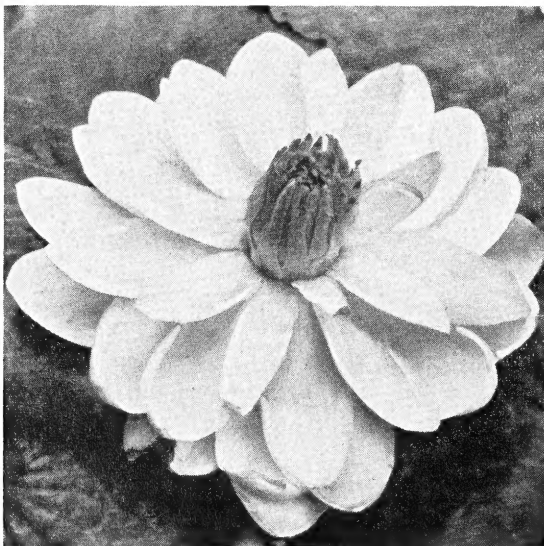
**Yellow Star (M EB B)** A new yellow day blooming hybrid of deeper yellow color with star-shaped petals carried well above water level. \$3.00.

**White Star (L EB B)** Produces numbers of large fragrant white flowers with pointed petals. Petals broader at the base and more pointed at the tip. \$2.50.

## NIGHT BLOOMING TROPICALS

The Aristocrats of the Water Garden. Like many young maids, these flowers sleep during the day, to bloom gayly at night, and during the early morning hours are the most beautiful flower in the garden, often staying open until noon. The blossom begins to unfold as the sun goes down and is especially satisfactory for the working man or woman, who would not see the open blossom of a day blooming lily. Shipping time is the same as for Day-bloomers.

NOTE: Night bloomers are more tender than most day bloomers; are not apt to live over winter if freezing weather is prevalent.



Missouri

### WHITE

**Missouri (L EB B)** The finest white night blooming variety. The earliest to bloom and very dependable. A supreme beauty. \$2.00.

**Juno (L EB B)** Immense, pure white blossoms, opening very wide. Central disc solid mass of yellow stamens. A free bloomer with glossy, green leaves, finely toothed at edges. \$2.00.

### RED

**H. C. Haarstick (L EB B)** A very choice variety. Well shaped blossoms, vivid red, shading to rose-pink. The stamens are rose color and the leaves rich, bronzy red. \$2.00.

**George Huster (L EB B)** A brilliant variety with large blossoms. The leaves are bronzy-red, crimped at the edges. \$2.00.

### ROSE

**Mrs. Geo. Hitchcock (L EB B)** This large, rose-pink flower is such a wonderful bloomer and so easy to grow it cannot help giving satisfaction. A very choice variety. \$2.00.

**Frank Trelease (L EB B)** A deep rose colored, narrow petaled variety. \$2.00.

### PINK

**Mrs. Emily Hutchings (L EB B)** Beautiful pink blossoms with curving petals. Bronze leaves so different as to be quite noticeable. \$2.00.

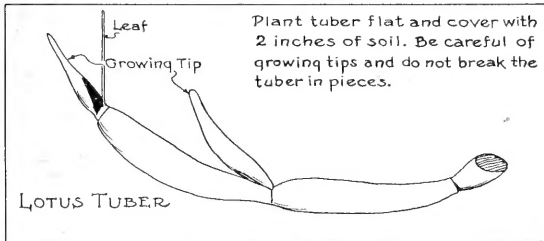
**O'Marana (L EB B)** Rosy-pink flowers of large size. Each petal having a white stripe; the effect being intensified by orange-red stamens. \$2.00.



# LOTUS

Poets have sung of Lotus, nations have and do hold it in reverence; and small wonder that this is true. One has only to come upon a pool planted with these Oriental flowers to realize that they are God-given: with their wondrous beauty, standing high above the water, their mammoth leaves and their queer seed pods all blending into a picture of such startling beauty as to be breath taking.

SEE PAGES 10 AND 11 FOR CULTURAL INSTRUCTIONS



Display Pool Featuring Lotus and Tropical Lilies

**Red Lotus (L EB I)** 6" water and 6" or more of soil. Mammoth double blossoms of an American beauty shade; not a deep red. Blossoms often a foot across and very double. A choice variety. **\$3.50.**

**Nelumbium Speciosum (L EB I)** 6" water and 6" or more of soil. Pink. Egyptian sacred Lotus. An excellent variety. Possesses a strange, haunting fragrance. **\$2.00.**

**Nelumbium Flavens (L EB I)** 6" water and 6" or more of soil. A splendid variety that has cream colored flowers. **\$2.50.**

**Album Striatum (L EB I)** 6" water and 6" or more of soil. A striking variation of the Japanese Lotus. Flowers large and very fragrant. The white petals are tipped, edged and faintly striped with rosy carmine. **\$2.50.**

**Lotus Seed Pods** These are used in many ways, for decorations, winter bouquets, etc., resembling a wasp's nest. They are indeed a novelty. **\$1.00 per doz.**

## BUY COLLECTIONS AND SAVE

### COMPLETE PLANT COLLECTION #24

For Pool 4 x 8

31 Plants for only **\$6.00**

- 2 Lilies—Marliac Albida and Aurora
- 8 Shallow Water Plants—2 W. Poppy, 2 W. Snowflake, 2 Primrose Creeper, 2 Parrots Feather
- 5 Varieties Grasses—2 Anacharis, 2 Myriophyllum, 2 Cabomba, Ludwigia, 2 Vallisneria
- 3 Water Hyacinths
- 8 Tall Water Plants—2 Arrowhead, 2 Umbrella Palm, 2 Equisetum, 2 Yellow Iris.

## Something Really Different in a Pool

### AN ORIENTAL POOL FOR ONLY \$10.00 — COLLECTION #21

Suitable For Pool 5 x 7

Egyptian Lotus (sacred Lotus), \$2.00; Panama Pacific, \$2.50; Sultan (rare), \$3.50; Gloria du Temple sur Lot, \$3.00; Japanese Arrowhead, .35c; Imperial Taro, .75c; Japanese Iris (2), \$1.00; Egyptian Paper Plant (Papyrus), 40c.

Value, \$13.50—for **\$10.00.**

## COMPLETE POOL COLLECTION

### 38 LOVELY WATER PLANTS — COLLECTION #22

**\$15.00**

Sufficient For Pool 8 x 10 or Larger  
Makes a Well-Balanced Pool

Has everything needed. Hardy Water Lilies, Tropical Water Lilies, Fish Grasses, Scavengers, Centerpieces, Floating Plants, Shallow Water Plants and Fertilizer.

- 5 Lilies—Penna. Haarstick (night bloomer), Escarboucle, Comanche and Formosa
- 15 Shallow Water Plants and Centerpieces—2 W. Poppy, 2 W. Snowflake, 2 Floating Heart, 2 Primrose Creeper, 2 Ludwigia, 2 Parrots Feather, 1 Arrowhead, 1 Umbrella Palm, 1 Sagittaria (Latifolia), 1 W. Chestnut (good to eat)
- 12 Oxygenating Grasses (Fish Grass)—3 Anacharis, 3 Vallisneria, 3 Cabomba
- 6 Water Hyacinths
- 15 Assorted Snails
- 2½ pounds fertilizer (VAN NESS WATER GARDENS SPECIAL WATER LILY FERTILIZER).

# THE CULTURE OF WATER LILIES

## Please Read Carefully

We are always happy to give any advice possible regarding the culture of Water lilies and should any problem arise which is not dealt with on this page we hope you will feel free to consult us; however, before writing please read this carefully, as we have tried to cover all of the problems involved in Water lily culture as we know them.

Our ideal location helps us to answer many questions. We are 2100 ft. high. It frosts here. We have ice on our pools many mornings each winter. For this reason our lilies are conditioned for winter weather also. In the summer we have hot weather and can see how the lilies act in very hot climates. We leave our Tropical Lilies in our pools over the winter. They are bigger and better the second year.

The following are the questions we are called upon to answer very often.

### SHOULD LILIES BE PLANTED IN SOIL?

Most emphatically yes. Water lilies have to have soil and it must be rich. You may use one-fourth well rotted dairy fertilizer and three-fourths good loam. For best results use our VAN NESS WATER LILY FERTILIZER.

### HOW MUCH SOIL SHOULD EACH LILY HAVE?

At least one bushel of soil for each lily of medium size. Dwarf lilies will do with less. Tropical lilies should have two bushels for best results.

### HOW DEEP SHOULD THE WATER BE?

The ideal depth of water over the crown of the plant is from 8 to 10 inches, although they will give fairly good results in water from 6 to 15 inches in depth.

### SHOULD LILIES BE PLANTED IN BOXES?

They may be planted either in boxes or on bottom of pool, but pool is easier kept clean if boxes are used. Place fertilizer in lower half of soil, fill box with garden soil and cover with 1 inch of coarse sand. If pool is deep the boxes should be raised to within 8 or 10 inches of the surface. Boxes should be 2x2 ft. square and 1 ft. deep for best results. Line boxes with newspapers to keep the dirt from sifting out. DO NOT USE REDWOOD.

### DO LILIES LIKE SHADE?

They do not. They will not bloom unless they have full sun for at least half the day, preferably morning sun. Such lilies as Comanche and the Marliacs do fairly well in partial shade. Water Lettuce, Hyacinth and the Taros are satisfactory in shady pools, but to try anything else is money wasted.

### CAN WATER LILIES BE GROWN IN TUBS?

Yes, the small and medium sized lilies do well in tubs, but the larger varieties will do better in a concrete pool.

### SHOULD LILIES HAVE RUNNING WATER?

No, running water is always too cold for lilies. They like still, warm water which will not become stagnant so long as there is vegetation in the pool.

### HOW DO YOU KEEP MOSQUITOS FROM BREEDING IN POOL?

If you have half a dozen of fish for each 6 ft. of pool they will very effectively keep out mosquito larvae.

### WHEN SHOULD POOLS BE CLEANED?

Early in the spring, before the lilies begin to grow, all debris should be cleaned out of the pool. It is not necessary to drain the pool and remove the soil oftener than once in two years. All cleaning and replanting should be done in the spring or fish spawn will be lost. In mild climate clean pool every 4 or 5 years.

### WHAT PESTS ATTACK WATER PLANTS?

Aphis is the only pest to contend with. This may be controlled by spraying with the hose, early in the morning, then the fish will eat them. Begin with the first signs of Aphis. VOLCK OIL SPRAY is the best that can be used after you have Aphis. It is safe—will not harm plants or fish.

### HOW SHOULD POOL BE TREATED TO KEEP WATER CLEAR?

If you observe these few rules you will not have any trouble.

You must have a well balanced pool with plenty of plant life and scavengers.

Sample—6' x 8' Pool Suggestions:

1. Only a drip of water, new water causes algae. Water will always be fresh and pure, never stagnant if you follow all of the hints listed here.
2. Snails—24 of any kind.
3. Fish—12 of any kind. Goldfish are very pretty and just as effective as mosquito fish. Mosquito fish eat the eggs of goldfish.
4. Oxygenating Grasses—2 to 5 bunches.
5. Lilies—At least one hardy or tropical to each 9 square feet. The lily pads cut off much of the direct sun and do MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE to eliminate algae and discoloration. 5 lilies for this sample pool.
6. Fertilizer—Steer fertilizer is good, but causes algae. Bone meal and blood meal is much better. Our special fertilizer is excellent.
7. Boxes—Any wood but redwood. Tubs are fine, especially for Lotus.

### HELP FOR LEAKS AND CRACKS

For cracks in pool, dry pool thoroughly and patch with one-fourth inch of Asbestos roof cement over crack. For a pool that just leaks generally all over, make a mixture of pure plastic cement and water to the consistency of paint. Paint pool with this mixture or paint with our water-proof paint listed on page 19.

## THE CULTURE OF WATER LILIES continued

### WHEN SHOULD WATER LILIES BE PLANTED?

**Hardy Lilies**—In generally frost-free areas plant at any time. In climates subject to freezing weather about April 1 is a safe date; they may be planted up until August with good results.

**Tropical Lilies**—Set out only after minimum temperature of 70° can be depended upon. Earlier planting leads only to disappointment.

### HOW SHOULD WATER LILIES BE PLANTED?

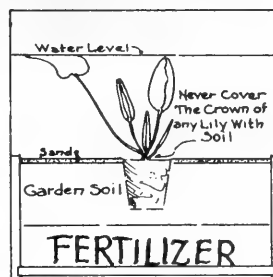
Hardy lilies should be planted horizontally, with the crown well out of the soil. Tropical lilies should be planted upright and at the same depth as before being shipped as growing plants. When receiving water plants do not allow them to become dry before planting; place in tub of water or cover with a wet sack.

### HOW SHOULD WATER LILIES BE WINTERED OVER?

Hardy lilies may safely be wintered over in the pool if the roots do not freeze. In extremely cold climates cover with boards and give an extra covering of straw. Should it be advisable to lift the lilies before cold weather arrives they may be stored in a cool cellar. Be careful that they do not dry out or dry rot will attach them and they will be lost.

### HOW DO YOU WINTER TROPICALS?

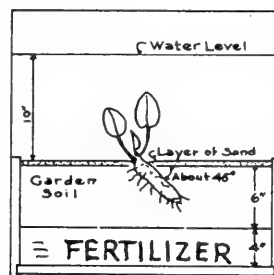
In mild climates they may be left in the pool all winter. We do not guarantee them to live over, but almost without exception they do in Southern California and mild areas. In May get in and see that the bulb is one-half inch under the soil and crown (rough) side up. The bulb may be deep in the box. In cold climates take the bulb out after the lily has gone dormant. Store in a can of moist sand in FROST FREE cellar or garage until May. Plant. Tropicals have so many blooms and are so beautiful they are worth this little extra work. Night bloomers will not live over anywhere. They must be harvested and stored.



*Tropical Lily Planting*

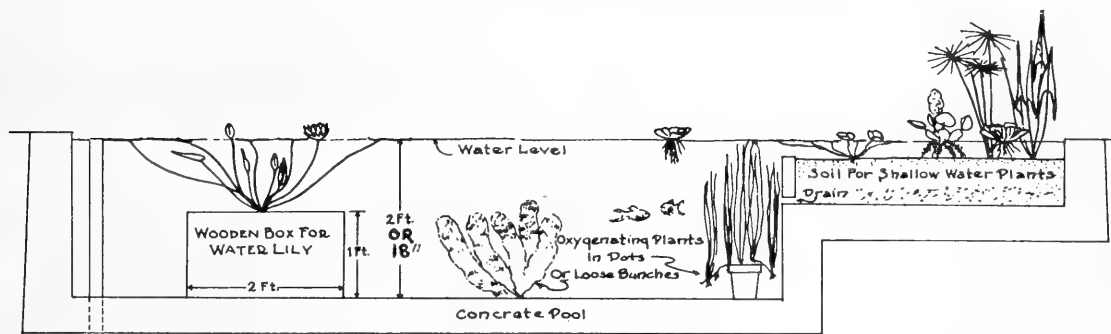
### HOW AND WHEN SHOULD LOTUS BE PLANTED?

These plants are hardy and may be grown anywhere in the U.S., blooming better the second year than the first. The bulbs look like a peeled banana, the crown is at the long end of the bulb. The crown should be placed up, with the bulb placed horizontally. **Great care should be taken not to break the crown off**, as that renders the bulb worthless. Cover with 2 inches of soil, leaving growing point just out of the soil. Cover with 6 inches of water until growth begins. While Lotus is hardy it should not be planted too early as growth should begin at once after planting or bulb is apt to decay. We have a method of holding bulbs so they may be planted as late as June 15.



*Hardy Lily Planting*

## IT'S EASY TO BUILD YOUR OWN POOL



**LOCATION.** The pool should be exposed to full sun. Lilies cannot be expected to bloom unless the sun shines into the heart of them at least part of the day.

We suggest that you make your pool as large as your space will permit, as there are so many water plants you will want

An informal pool is much easier and less expensive to build than a formal one, as it can be built without forms. For an informal pool, after deciding on size and shape, dig out soil to depth of 2 feet and level off. Shave side walls as near perpendicular as possible, as walls which slope are that much wasted space in your pool, and gather Algae making pool unsightly. Tamp walls and floor and reinforce with heavy fencing wire, covering walls and floor.

In building a formal pool dig the exact size and shape desired. Allow about 6 inches space for wall and build inside form. The walls should be reinforced, and after it is poured, allow it to harden until the next day. Remove forms and pour bottom of the pool. Finish as directed below.

**Cement.** The proper mixture of cement is one shovel of cement to five of sand. In cold climates, the concrete should be 6 inches thick; in mild climates 3 inches is ample.

Allow water to stand in pool for 3 days to soak out the alkali; drain off and when dry, sweep thoroughly and the pool is ready for planting.

**To Waterproof:** Mix pure waterproof cement and water to consistency of paint and paint the pool.

## HOW WE SHIP - SEE OUR GIFTS



**TERMS:** We ship parcel post except for fish, which are shipped by express, collect. Parcel post is much faster and cheaper insuring you fresher plants. Enclose check or money order with each order. Make payable to VAN NESS WATER GARDENS. Be sure and add 10% for postage, packing and handling. MINIMUM ORDER, \$2.00. CALIFORNIA CUSTOMERS PLEASE ADD 3% SALES TAX.

**GIFTS:** You receive these wonderful gifts if order is received BEFORE May 1:

\$ 2 to \$ 4 Order—1 Japanese Arrowhead

\$ 4 to \$ 5 Order—1 Japanese Arrowhead and 1 W. Snowflake

\$ 5 to \$10 Order—1 Pygmae Helvola Water Lily

\$10 to \$20 Order—Choice of 1 Beautiful Indiana Hardy Water Lily or 1 Beautiful Chicago Tropical Lily. STATE CHOICE.

\$20 Order or more—1 Pygmae Helvola and 1 Pink Star Tropical Lily. If you prefer another color Tropical Lily of equal value, STATE COLOR and if possible, we will be happy to make the change.

**GUARANTEE:** We guarantee our plants to be true to name, of the finest quality and to reach you in good condition, and we promise to replace any plant that fails to grow, the only requirement that you notify us within 30 days of delivery. Our climate permits us to dig lilies for early shipment, thus assuring purchaser of blossoms at least six weeks earlier than from colder climates. We can ship at any date suited to your locality.

**PRICES:** Because of our ideal Southern California climate, we can offer our customers the FINEST LILIES it is possible to raise at the LOWEST PRICES in the entire United States. One order, large or small, will convince you that you can really get the FINEST LILIES and BEST SERVICE at ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Why not add to your savings by ordering from our special collections throughout our catalog.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE—PLEASE READ

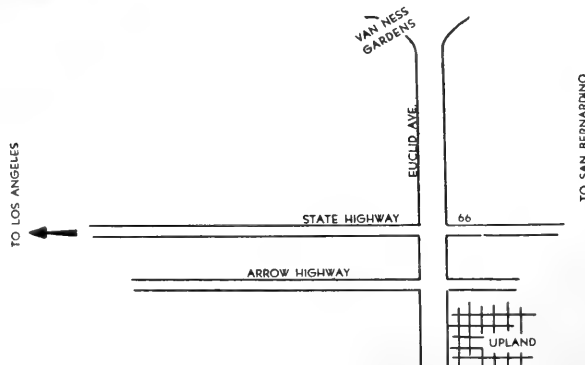
#### Hardy Lilies Shipped Any Time After March 1

We do not ship Tropicals until the weather has become permanently warm, as early shipments are almost sure to go dormant. A safe date is after June first, except in the Southern states where they may be shipped at an earlier date, from May 15. Should we be instructed to ship at an earlier date, we do so at customer's risk.

**THE PRICES IN THIS CATALOGUE CANCEL ALL PREVIOUS QUOTATIONS**

### HOW TO GET TO OUR GARDENS

Coming on National Highway No. 66, turn north on beautiful Euclid Ave. (double drive). Take west drive at 24th St. (note curve). Follow drive past Community Church. First stop. Visitors welcome.





# TUB GARDENS



Part of a group of 5 TUB GARDENS, combined with Rock Garden, planted with Tropic Lilies and Poolside Plants

## TUB GARDEN

Saw barrels in two or buy ordinary galvanized wash tubs and apply a heavy coat of Asphaltum paint **inside and out** to preserve the metal or wood. Sink tub or barrels in soil and pile rock around them to hide the barrels.

There are so many water plants that do well in a small space that there is no end to the possibilities of this type of Water Garden. This one was worked out with a Rock Garden. The following plants will complete the picture: Lemon Day Lily, Fountain Grass, and any of the poolside plants.

### THE FOLLOWING LILIES MAY BE USED IN A TUB GARDEN OR SMALL POOL

Suitable for tub gardens. Descriptions will be found under color headings. Many of these do well in a large pool, but readily adapt themselves to their environment.

#### TROPICAL LILIES

Panama Pacific	\$2.50
August Koch	\$2.50
Zanzabar Purple	\$2.00
Blue Pygmae	\$2.00
Francis B. Griffith	\$2.50
Mrs. Geo. H. Pring	\$2.50

#### HARDY LILIES

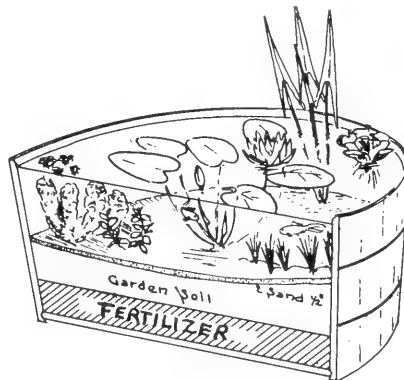
Gloriosa, red	\$2.50
Pygmae Helvola, yellow	\$1.25
Gonnere, white	\$2.50
White Laydeker, white	\$1.75
Hermine, white	\$2.00
Wilfron Gonnere, pink	\$3.00
Mary Patricia, pink	\$2.00
Odalesque, pink	\$3.00
Paul Harlot, sunset	\$2.50
Aurora, sunset	\$1.50
Chrysantha, sunset	\$2.00
Indiana, sunset	\$2.50

#### TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #1

2 Pygmae Helvola Water Lilies, 2 bu. Water Grasses, 1 Pair Trap Door Snails. **\$2.50.**

#### TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #2

Gloriosa Water Lily, Water Hyacinth, 2 bu. Water Grasses, 1 pair Trap Door Snails. **\$2.75.**



TUB GARDEN

Lilies will grow with 4 inches of water over crown, but will do better with at least 8 inches.

#### TROPICAL TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #4

Panama Pacific Lily, Primrose Willow, 4 Grasses, Snails. **\$3.25.**

#### TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #4

##### Colorful Foursome

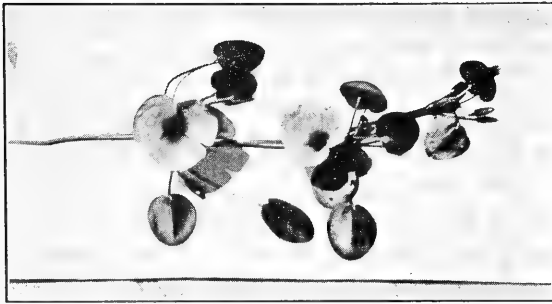
Paul Harlot Lily—sunset, \$2.50; 3 Water Hyacinth—blue flower, 50c; 2 Water Poppies—yellow, .35c; 1 Water Snowflake—white, \$3.70.

Value, \$3.70—for **\$3.00.**

#### BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION #30

Chromatella, \$2.00; Marliac Albida, \$1.50; Gloriosa, \$2.50. Value, \$6.00—for **\$5.00.**

## COMPLETE YOUR POOL WITH THESE PLANTS



*Water Poppy*

**Water Poppy (H)** (*Linnocharis humboldti*.) An old favorite, with blossoms like a California poppy. Each plant throws out runners bearing blossoms all summer. 2 for 35c; \$1.50 per dozen.

### COMPLETE YOUR POOL WITH THESE JAPANESE IRIS

These are priced at 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen

These Iris will do well in a pool, providing they are planted so only the roots are in the water. Transplant from April to September. These may be planted in moist soil outside your pool, also.

These irises are at their best long after the other varieties have stopped blooming.

They are exquisite in their pleasing shades, varying from almost pure white to the richest of dark shades. The blossoms are very large; the Falls not dropping as other Iris make the blossoms appear larger.

They are hardy except in the most northern states. As they require very wet soil they do exceptionally well if planted on the margin of a pool or brook. In the far north they will not live through the winter under these conditions.

The soil for Japanese Iris should be rich and well supplied with organic matter. They will bloom better the second year after transplanting, but should be transplanted every three years for best results.

We are fortunate to have obtained a limited supply of the choicest varieties and can heartily recommend any of them.

**Questing Wings (H)** Light blue, with purple veins.

**Blue Star (H)** Shades of blue flecked with yellow.

**Fabric of Delight (H)** Pale lavender. Lovely!

**Summer Canticle (H)** Deep lavender, splendid bloomer.

**River Dragon (H)** Variegated light blue and red.

**Titiana (H)** Immense, pure white.

**Gitano (H)** Dark velvety purple.

**Lingering Summer (H)** Sharp standards, purple with deep low markings.

**High Glee (H)** Rich, variegated blue.

**Water Witch (H)** Purple and blue, striped.

**Brief Episode (H)** Variegated, orchid pink.

**Beth (H)** Purple with yellow markings, deep veins.

**Joss Stick (H)** Variegated purple rose.

**Dark Satsuma (H)** Reddish-purple with white veins. Beautiful.

**Ruthie (H)** Variegated white and lavender, white veins.

**Only a Shadow (H)** White shaded with orchid, center petals variegated orchid.

**Cameo (H)** White shaded to clear blue, yellow veins.

**Pavillion (H)** Pale Lavender, rich purple overcast, lemon-yellow at base of petals. Very pretty.

**Weaver of Dreams (H)** Light purple with yellow marks, deep veins. Pretty.

### WATER PLANT COLLECTION

Floating Heart, 20c; Water Poppy, 20c; Double Arrowhead, 40c; Azure Pickerel plant, 50c; Umbrella Palm, 25c; Water Canna, 75c; 3 varieties water grasses, 60c.

Value, \$2.80—for \$2.25.

Under this heading we list such plants as grow in water. With leaves and blossoms on the surface. These add to the beauty of the pool. Many of them have beautiful blossoms, all have attractive foliage.

**Parrot Feather (H)** The long trailing stems produce a beautiful light green foliage, good for the ends of pools. A favorite aquatic plant, for aquarium and fountain basins. Can be used in water-tight hanging baskets. 6 for 20c.

**Ludwigia (H)** A trailing plant with thick stemmed, round green leaves, red underneath. 6 for 20c.

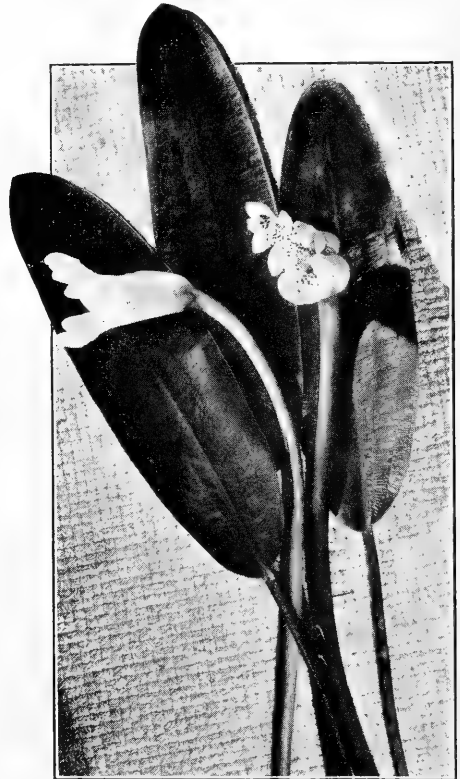
**Azure Hyacinth (H)** (*Eichhornia azurea*.) A trailing variety. Flowers a rich blue, with yellow eye. A rank grower, and makes a great showing soon after planting. Does well among the lilies. 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Primrose Creeper (H)** (*Jussiaea repens*.) A trailing plant with bright glossy leaves and blossoms like a primrose. 2 for 25c; 5 for 50c.

**Water Snowflake (H)** (*Nymphoides indicum*) A dainty little plant is the Water Snowflake. The flowers are about an inch across and have 5 petals, each resembling a flake of snow. They will do well in 6 inches of water, either in pool or dishpan. 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

**Floating Heart (H)** (*Nymphoides peltatum*.) Has bright yellow, fringed flowers of medium size, with leaves like a Pigmy lily. Has to be planted in soil. 20c; 3 for 50c.

THESE DO BEST PLANTED IN WATER FROM 2 TO 4 INCHES DEEP AND IN BOXES OF 6" OF SOIL OR MORE. Plant in box and raise to within a few inches of the surface of water. This is easily accomplished by nailing legs of proper length to box.



*Hawthorne*

Blooms all winter in Southern California and the Southern States

**Water Hawthorne (H)** (*Aponogeton distachyus*.) Snowy white flowers with the fragrance of the English Hawthorne. The flower is antler shaped and each antler flecked with black. The leaves are oblong and float on the water. Does well in either sun or shade. 75c.

## COMPLETE YOUR POOL WITH THESE PLANTS

Under this heading we list such plants as grow in water, but send up leaves and blossoms above the surface one foot or more. These add to the beauty of the pool, being used as centerpieces or for corners. Many of them have beautiful blossoms, all have attractive foliage. THESE DO BEST PLANTED IN WATER FROM 2 TO 4 INCHES DEEP AND IN BOXES OF 6" OF SOIL OR MORE. Plant in box and raise to within a few inches of the surface of water. This is easily accomplished by nailing legs of proper length to box.



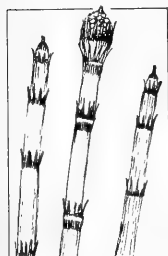
Cattail



Umbrella Palm



Papyrus



Equisetum



Primrose Willow

**Cattail (H)** (*Typha angustifolia*.) A handsome water plant with rich brown "cat-tails." 25c.

**Miniature Cattail (H)** The seed pods form a miniature cat tail  $\frac{3}{8}$ " diameter and 3 or 4 inches long. Usually does not produce cat tail until second year. Choice for flower arrangements. 50c.

**Water Plantain (H)** (*Alisma plantago*.) Almond shaped leaves of bright green, borne about 3 feet above the surface of the water. Beautiful clusters of flowers resembling Baby's Breath. 35c.

**Umbrella Palm (H)** (*Cyperus alternifolius*.) A beautiful plant, growing about 2 feet tall, has slender stems with tuft of leaves spreading out, umbrella shaped. Does well either in shallow water or moist ground. 25c.

**Giant Umbrella Palm (H)** Similar to above except it grows six feet tall. 30c.

**Double Arrowhead (H)** (*Sagittaria flora plena*.) Leaves arrow shaped. Plant bears large spikes of pure white double flowers, about 2 feet tall. 40c.

**Japanese Arrowhead (H)** Similar in growth to the above, but with single flowers. 35c.

**Papyrus (H)** (Egyptian paper plant.) The stalks are triangular and attain a height of from 5 to 8 feet, having a tuft of thread-like leaves a foot in diameter. Does equally well in two inches of water or in very wet soil. 50c.

**Miniature Papyrus (H)** Small bright green tufts. 1 to 2 feet tall. Choice for flower arrangements. 50c.

**Elephant Ear (H)** Large green leaves, often growing 6 feet tall. May be kept small by planting in small container. 50c.

**Sagittaria (H)** (*Latifolia*.) The leaves are broad with long basal lobes. The flowers are pure white, about an inch in diameter. 35c.

**Equisetum (H)** (Horse tail rush.) The most attractive of the rushes. Shows distinct joints, is strong growing, not breaking so easily as other rushes. 35c.

**Water Canna (H)** (*Thalia dealbata*.) A tall, hardy aquatic with leaves shaped like a Calla lily. 25c.

**Water Canna (H)** (*Thalia dealbata*.) A tall graceful plant with leaves similar to a canna, leaves maroon at the base. Flowers on tall, arching stems, purple, with silver dust. 75c.

**Water Chestnut (H)** Grows freely in shallow water. Has dull green quill-like leaves, growing two feet tall. 35c.

**Primrose Willow (H)** (*Jussiaea longifolia*.) A beautiful, tall plant with flowers like a primrose and leaves like a willow. 35c.

**Iris Purpurea (H)** A water Iris such a deep blue as to be almost purple. 35c.



Azure Pickerel Plant

**Azure Pickerel Plant (H)** (*Pontederia paniculata*.) This attractive plant grows from 2 to 6 feet tall and each heart-shaped leaf has a spike of Delphinium blue flowers coming from the base. The buds are covered with a silvery sheen. 50c.

**Pickerel Rush (H)** (*Pontederia cordata*.) Spikes of deep blue flowers borne in center of heart-shaped leaves. Two feet tall. 25c.

**Iris Versicolor (H)** Similar to above except in color, being a clear blue. 35c.

**Yellow Iris (H)** (*Pseudacorus*.) One of the necessary plants for your pool, the foliage making an artistic touch either in the center or in the corner. Has tall spikes of yellow blossoms. Will grow equally as well in very moist ground. 35c.

**Violet Stemmed Taro (H)** (*Colocasia violacea*.) Leaves beautiful blue-green. The stems, mid-ribs and veins underneath leaves are a lovely lavender. \$1.00.

**Imperial Taro (H)** (*Calocasia antiquorum illustris*.) The finest of the Taros. The leaves are almost a velvety black. They make an excellent centerpiece for the pool, also make a fine house plant if potted and set in jardiniere of water. 75c.



Imperial Taro

## PLANTS FOR YOUR FISH

### Oxygenating grasses

These very useful plants help to keep the pool in natural balance, supplying oxygen to the water. A few bunches among the lilies are indispensable for the health of the fish.

These fish plants are all planted and completely submerged under the water. Drop to bottom of pool.

Plant only in sand; several plants to each pot. They keep water clear. Protect baby fish. Provide spawning places. Produce oxygen. Help balance your pool.

**Vallisneria (J)** (Eel grass.) Long ribbon-like leaves that come to the surface of the water. Pretty in an aquarium. **Bunch of 6 for 20c.**

**Anacharis (J)** Giant. The most used for oxygen. Graceful long stems with whorls of deep green leaves. Very good for pool and necessary for health of fish. **Bunch of 6, 20c.**

**Myriophyllum (J)** A pretty aquatic with fine, hair-like leaves. Makes a good spawning bed for fish. **Bunch of 6, 20c.**

**Ludwigia (J)** This is one of the important fish plants because of its decorative value. When kept in strong light the under side of leaves become a bright red. **Bunch of 6, 20c.**

**Cabomba (J)** A useful plant for the pool, growing entirely submerged. Very ornamental. **Bunch of 6, 30c.**

**Sagittaria (J)** (Sinensis.) Grows freely and a splendid plant for the aquarium. **3 for 25c.**

**OXYGENATING GRASS (Fish Grass) COLLECTION #5**  
Suitable for Pool 4 x 8

30 Oxygenating Plants, 5 varieties . . . . .75c

### SPECIAL PLANT COLLECTION A-1

Consisting of enough plants of our own selection to balance a ten gallon aquarium. 17 plants, 5 varieties. **\$1.50.**

### SPECIAL PLANT COLLECTION A-2

A splendid group of plants, to balance a 15 or 20 gallon aquarium. 29 plants, 11 varieties. **\$3.00.**

## FISH FOOD

We have a properly balanced fish food, which has all the ingredients necessary for keeping your fish in good health. They should only be fed twice a week as the most of the ills of fish are caused by over feeding. **Fish food: 1/2 lb., 35c; 1 lb., 60c.**

## SCAVENGERS FOR THE POOL

(Water snails will not live out of the water)

Water snails are necessary for the pool, as they feed on the decayed vegetation, and clean up the green algae that forms on the walls. We understand that snails are both sexes in one.

**Japanese trap-door snails.** The largest and hardiest of all snails. These are live bearing and we are careful in selecting them in pairs. Very prolific. **2 for 25c; \$1.00 per dozen.**

**Rams-horn snails.** A very long lived water snail and especially good in clearing up the green scum in pools. **3 for 15c; 60c per dozen.**

**Red Rams-horn snails.** These snails are a coral red and very showy in an aquarium. **3 for 25c; 75c per dozen.**

### SCAVENGER COLLECTION #7

Suitable for pool 3 x 5. 12 assorted water snails . . . . . \$ .75

### SCAVENGER COLLECTION # 8

Suitable for pool 5 x 8. 36 assorted water snails . . . . . \$2.00



Vallisneria



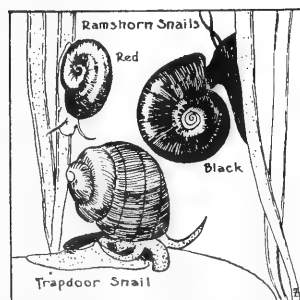
Anacharis



Ludwigia



Sagittaria



Scavengers



Water Hyacinth

## FLOATING PLANTS FOR THE POOL

**Water Hyacinth (O)** (Eichhornia crassipes major.) Flowers a delicate orchid, in trusses like a Hyacinth. Does best in partial shade. Splendid spawning bed for fish. Floats. **20c; 3 for 50c.**

**Water Lettuce (O)** (Pistia stratiotes.) This is similar to Water Hyacinth in habit but more rare and delicate. It grows best in semi-shade and prefers a moist atmosphere, so should be sprinkled at times. Is a rosette of soft blue-green leaves, sometimes measuring 10 inches in diameter. Floats. **20c; 3 for 50c.**

**Azolla (O)** A small, floating moss-like plant, similar to duck-weed but prettier. When exposed to sunlight the small leaves take on a reddish tinge. Good for fish. Floats. **Portion, 25c.**



# POOLSIDE PLANTS

## IRISES — TALL BEARDED VARIETIES

These are without doubt the most beautiful and satisfactory of all garden flowers. Hardy and so easy to grow they appeal to the amateur as well as the experienced gardener. We have several choice varieties.

**40c Iris**—3 for \$1.00; 12 for \$3.50

**50c Iris**—3 for \$1.25; 12 for \$4.25

**Baldwin** (H. P. Sass.) One of the best of the dark blue-purple. **40c.**

**Balroudour** Bluish-violet and deep olive buff. **40c.**

**Black Douglas** Large blackish-purple of even tone. **50c.**

**Blackmoor** (Jacob Sass.) Blackish-violet. **40c.**

**Blue Velvet** Dark blue. **40c.**

**Blue Waves** (H. P. Sass.) Rich dark blue. **40c.**

**Buto** (H. P. Sass.) A rich dark blue-purple bicolor. **40c.**

**California Gold** Tall spikes of beauty. One of the finest. **50c.**

**Challenger** (Jacob Sass.) S. dark purple. **40c.**

**Cretone** Standards blue. Falls, rich purple. **40c.**

**Jumbo** (Jacob Sass.) An enormous bicolor with blue-violet standards and dark red-violet falls. Vivid yellow beard. Height, 36 inches. **40c.**

**Kochi** Deep, rich purple. **30c.**

**Knysna** Deep bronze standards and reddish-brown falls. **40c.**

**Loreley.** Standards bright yellow. Falls, reddish-blue. **40c.**

**Lohengrin** Lavender-blue. Standards pale. **40c.**

**Matilda** (Jacob Sass.) White ground with a striping of bluish-violet. **40c.**

**Midgard** (H. P. Sass.) Pink and yellow blend. **40c.**

**Midwest** (H. P. Sass.) Dotting of rose on a white ground. **50c.**

**Mme. Cherri** Orchid pink with a yellow undertone. **40c.**

**Nebraska** (H. P. Sass.) Richest yellows. Standards ruffled apricot yellow. **40c.**

**Nymphs** (H. P. Sass.) Empire yellow. **40c.**

**Peaches** A blend of peach, apricot and orange. **50c.**

**Purple Haze** (H. P. Sass.) A large French gray. **40c.**

**Pink Opal** Tallest of the lavender pinks. In clump plantings. **50c.**

**Queen Caterina** Flowers a pale lavender-blue. **40c.**

**Spokane** (Jacob Sass.) A giant reddish-brown blend. **50c.**

**Wacunda** (H. P. Sass.) A much admired plant. **50c.**

**Wambliska** (Jacob Sass.) Finest of the blue-white Irises. **50c.**

**Yolande** Falls, velvety pansy-blue, black veins. **50c.**

## DWARF BEARDED IRIS

**Gray Cloud** Blend of blue, gray, red, green and brown. **35c.**

**Neola** (Jacob Sass.) A new departure in color in the dwarf bearded Iris. A beautiful brown toned blend. Standards vivid violet. Falls deep brown. Pale yellow beard. **25c.**

## MISC. POOLSIDE PLANTS

**Papyrus** (Egyptian paper plant.) The stalks are triangular and attain a height of from 5 to 8 feet, having a tuft of thread-like leaves a foot in diameter. Does equally well in two inches of water or in very wet soil. **40c.**

**Umbrella Palm** (*Cyperus alternifolius*.) A beautiful plant, growing about 2 feet tall, has slender stems with tuft of leaves spreading out, umbrella shaped. Does well either in shallow water or moist ground. **25c.**

**Giant Umbrella Palm** Similar to above except it grows six feet tall. **30c.**

**Esculentum** (Elephants Ear.) Plants produce large, broad green leaves. Likes plenty of water and rich soil. **50c; 5 for \$2.00.**

**Caladium** (Fancy Leaved.) Gorgeously colored foliage plants with red, green, or white variegated leaves. **75c; 6 for \$4.00.**

**Amaryllis** Leaves produced in early spring, disappear in June and July. A month later stalks 2 to 3 feet tall appear crowned with a whorl of 8 to 12 lavender-pink, lily-like flowers. Called mystery lily also.

**Tigridia** (Mexican shell-flower.) Brilliant exotic blooms in scarlet, rose, yellow and orange. Flowers have six petals, the three smaller ones being blotched with carmine, purple or mahogany. **35c; 12 for \$3.00.**

**Oxalis** Rosy crimson flowers. Free blooming. Good for rock beds, pots or hanging baskets. Best planted in quantity. **6 for 50c.**

**Ismene** (Peruvian Daffodil.) Fragrant white flowers of quaint but attractive form. Showy. **50c; 12 for \$5.00.**

**Cala** (Elliottiana.) Ornamental plants with beautiful golden yellow blooms. Green leaves, spotted white, make nice contrast. **50c; 12 for \$5.00.**

**Calla** (Ethiopica.) Large trumpet shaped white flowers and arrow shaped green leaves. Attractive. **50c; 12 for \$5.00.**

# POOLSIDE PLANTS

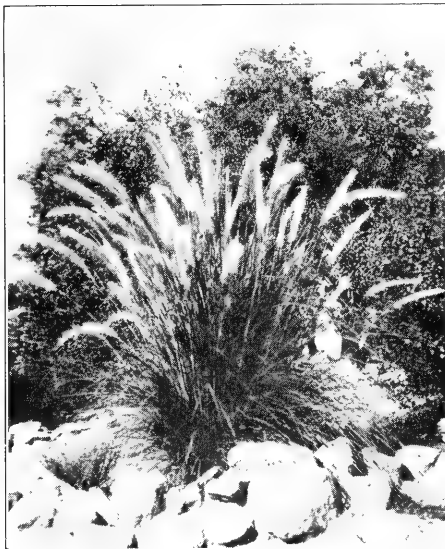
## EPHYPHYLLUM

"Orchids of the Cactus" — Are beautiful in Hanging Baskets  
CARE OF EPHYPHYLLUMS

These plants should have the same treatment as ferns. Do not keep in direct sun or allow them to become dry. Soil should be equal parts good garden soil, leaf mold and peat.



*Queen of the Night*



*Fountain Grass*

**Fountain grass** (*Pennisetum ruppelii*.) Narrow, graceful blades. Grows in clump to height of two feet. Feathery plumes, shaded with red. One of the finest poolside plants. **25c.**

**Torch lily** (*Tritoma*.) Tall spikes of brilliant red flowers. One of the showiest of this group. **50c.**

**Mullen Pink** (*Lychnis coronaria*.) A perennial which is most satisfactory, needing only good drainage and little water. A glow of cerise-pink blossoms in the spring. Foliage grey-green. **35c.**

**E. Oxypetalum** (Queen of the Night.) This marvelous plant bears blossoms of such beauty as to be breathtaking. Each blossom measures from 8 to 10 inches. The outside petals are a soft coral pink, the flower of snowy whiteness. Blooms from June to Sept. Small plants, **50c**; large, **\$1.**

**E. Ackermannii** The bright red petals have a frosty appearance, cascades of white stamens. Spineless flat leaves with buds appearing at notches. **25c.**

**E. Rosy Morn** Leaves flat with masses of shell-pink blossoms literally covering the plant, blossoms lasting for days. Blooms over a long period. **40c.**

**E. Padre** Beautiful rose-pink blossoms of immense size. Vigorous grower and blooms over a long period. **75c.**

**E. Hermosissimus** A tall growing plant with deeply notched stems. The blossoms are fully 9 inches across and are distinctly striped with crimson, orange and violet. One of the most popular varieties. **50c.**

**E. Dante** A vigorous variety having triangular stems. The flowers are large and wide open, light orange-red, more intense at margin of petals. **50.**

**E. Latona** Large, free-flowering. The flowers are a deep cerise pink. **50c.**

**E. Conway Giant** A vigorous plant with crimson tints on new growth. The blossoms are extremely large; the outer petals a deep crimson and the inner petals shaded with purple of satiny appearance. A very reliable bloomer. **50c.**

**Moraea iridoides** Belongs to the Iris family, but different, and blooms from early spring until late fall. Large white flowers with crests marked in blue. Very rare. **75c.**

**Day Lily** Bright yellow, blooming in the spring. Foliage green the year round. **50c.**

**Zephyr or Fairy Lily** Beautiful pure white lily-like flowers, 2" across. Grows freely if planted in masses of 12 or more. Excellent bloomer. **6 for 50c.**

**Phalaris** (*arundinacea variegata*.) Ribbon grass. Excellent for borders. Height 12 inches. **25c.**

**Phormium** (*cookianum*.) Fine, long striped foliage. Leaves about 2 inches wide, often 5 feet long. Very striking near a pool. **75c.**

**Carex** (*morrowi*.) Leaves flat, striped and grass like. Six inches tall. **40c.**



*Fairy or Zephyr Lily*

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**GOLD FISH . . . FOR POOLS**

**VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ.** Have your pool ready to receive the plants and fish when they arrive. The pool should be filled with water for at least three days prior to introducing the plants and fish. **IMMEDIATELY** upon arrival put the fish into the pool. During transit in crowded cans the goldfish will exhaust the oxygen content of the water; so, immediate transfer is necessary to provide a fresh supply.

During transit, fish are sometimes bruised or slightly injured and in such condition are subject to various fish diseases, among which is Fungus. To prevent Fungus, use **AQUA-TONIC**. This remedy is also an excellent preventative for certain other diseases and parasites. Also use **FISH SAVER**.

**IMPORTANT CAUTION**—Do not put goldfish or other fishes in a new cement pool until the alkali has been removed by draining the pool at least two times during the period of one week. The alkali may be neutralized by the use of strong vinegar, 1 quart to 100 gallons of water. Drain and refill pool.

**NOTE**—All fish must go by express, charges collect. When you order gold fish, please include 50c extra to cover the cost of a shipping can which is not returnable. **MINIMUM ORDER OF FISH, TADPOLES, AND FROGS, \$2.00.** Advise buying **FISH SAVER** when buying fish.

**SELECTED RED COMETS**

Have beautiful long tails

Small,	2½" to 3"	. . .	30c pr.	. . .	\$1.50 dozen
Breeders	4" to 5"	. . .	75c pr.	. . .	\$3.50 dozen

**SHUBUKINS OR CALICOS**

Beautiful shades of blue, red, gold, and black on a pearl or orange background.

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6 for 50c; 12 for 75c

**BEAUTIFUL MULTI-COLORED SMALL CROAKING FROGS**

Multi-colored Frogs. Ornamental, likeable, and the best insect trap ever known. When we see lily pads we expect to see a frog nearby. Any size:

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**FROGS AND TADPOLES** shipped by **EXPRESS ONLY**. They have to be in water. Can be sent with fish.

**FISH SHIPMENTS**

The fish are shipped Express, charges collect. If your shipment is damaged in transit, secure bad order report, Form 679, send it to us, and we will make replacement quickly.

**PLEASE NOTE**—If only one or two fish die during shipping, please do not ask for replacements! We always give a few extra fish with every order.

**APHIS REMEDY — VOLCK OIL SPRAY**

Can be safely used to kill aphid on water lily pads and will not poison your fish. With instructions.

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ONLY 50c

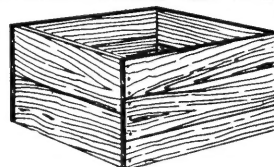
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**FISH FOOD**

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½ lb, 35c; 1 lb., 60c

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A safe Rubber Base pool paint used in lily pools and swimming pools. It not only adds to the beauty of the pool but it helps eliminate the growth of algae to the sides of your pool. Colors: blue, green and white.

\$2.25 per quart; \$7.40 per gallon

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One tablespoon makes a gallon. Spray on lily leaves. Instant Vigoro is a highly concentrated, complete plant food. Will not harm fish if used in the proportion named here.

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